



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America have shown the highest form of citizenship and made major contributions through the services they have performed in the defense of our great nation and her cause toward the freedoms we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, the service performed by millions of gallant Americans, including thousands of Idahoans, demonstrates our citizens' willingness to meet the challenges of outside forces that wish to subjugate our nation through armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, Idaho State Veterans Cemetery Dedication Day is a day to recognize and honor all veterans whose military service has had a profound effect on history, and it is a day to rededicate ourselves to Abraham Lincoln's call "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan,"; and

WHEREAS, Americans, Idahoans and all citizens of the free world celebrate the contributions of our veterans in many ways; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is the last state in the Union to honor its veterans with a final resting place of honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2004, to be

IDAHO STATE VETERANS CEMETERY DEDICATION DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-fourth day of June in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Devin Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DEVIN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE